

**REMARKS**

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Mercado for allowing Claims 19 and 20.

Claim 20 has been rewritten in independent form.

Applicants wish to note that MPEP §821.04 states, "if applicant elects claims directed to the product, and a product claim is subsequently found allowable, withdrawn process claims which depend from or otherwise include all the limitations of the allowable product claim will be rejoined." Applicants respectfully submit that should the elected group be found allowable, the **non-elected claims 6-15 should be rejoined**. The Examiner is respectfully invited to call Applicants' Representative if amendments to the non-elected claims are necessary.

This application presents allowable subject matter, and the Examiner is kindly requested to pass it to issue. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the claims or otherwise wish to discuss this case, he is kindly invited to contact Applicants' below-signed representative, who would be happy to provide any assistance deemed necessary in speeding this application to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,


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